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**Week 24 Sermon, April 14, 2024**

**Hebrews 10:1-10 – *From Shadow to Reality***

**Discussion Questions**

1. Read Hebrews 9:1-10:10. How does Hebrews 9 build into the argument that the law is but a shadow in Chapter 10?
2. In Hebrews 10:1-4, the author lists the inadequacies of the law. What are they? How do we reconcile the fact that God established the law, so it is good, yet it is inadequate? What was its purpose?
3. In verses 5-7, the author of Hebrews attributes words to Jesus from a portion of Psalm 40. Our text says that “when Christ came into the world,” he (Christ) said these things (v.5). Notice that the author of Hebrews writes that Jesus said, “a body you have prepared for me.” This is different from the words that David penned in Psalm 40:6, “you have given me an open ear.” What is the significance of Jesus saying, “a body you have prepared for me”? Discuss the significance of this being tied to v.7, “Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written in the scroll of the book.”
4. What was God’s will for the Son? How did Jesus perfectly obey the Father’s will (active and passive obedience)? Describe the two effects of Jesus’ obedience that the author of Hebrews records in verses 9 and 10. What do these mean for the believer today?
5. Rather than sacrifices and offerings, God delights in the obedience of His people. How are you encouraged to follow Jesus knowing that his perfect obedience has completely and fully made you holy? In whose righteousness is the believer clothed? How does reminding yourself that our faith is based on Christ’s perfection and not our performance free you to joyfully obey Christ?
6. In what areas is God encouraging your obedience? Share and pray for one another.

***Additional Reflection:***

May your soul be encouraged by remembering that Jesus is better, and Jesus is everything!

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